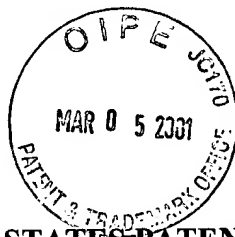


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1.

Please insert the following claims:

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2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a first recombinant adeno-associated virion comprising a first nucleotide sequence encoding a portion of Factor VIII protein and a second recombinant adeno-associated virion comprising a second nucleotide sequence encoding a portion of Factor VIII protein wherein said first and second nucleotide sequences collectively encode a functional Factor VIII protein.

3. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first and second nucleotide sequences further comprises a tissue-specific promoter.